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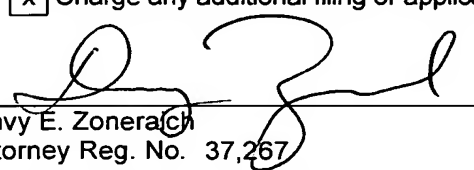
Invention: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ENCODING A MULTI-CHANNEL SIGNAL AND A PROGRAM PERTAINING THERETO

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 14, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1-3, 5-11, and 13-17, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. A request for a one (1) month extension of time accompanies this response.